

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of forwarding multicast message in network communication. In the method: first, configure forwarding match condition at the entry interface to the network device requiring forwarding multicast message, the forwarding match condition regulates forwarding rule for the multicast message; then, match the multicast message to be forwarded to network device through the interface with the forwarding match condition, and forward the multicast message according to the matching result. The present invention can configure the sending mode of messages according to requirement and can effectively avoid risks in security that may be caused by the broadcast mode for the multicast messages in the link layer as well as efficiency loss caused by receiving a great deal of invalid multicast messages, and the configuration is simple, and more convenient use and management is realized. In the present invention, forwarding multicast message through configuring multicast message forwarding rule greatly reduces the number of various multicast protocol messages generated in the multicast network and saves bandwidth resource of network.